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Basic Orientation Course

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HISTORY OF ~~RUSSIA~~ USSR — PART I

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I. Introduction

A. Size and ethnic groups.

B. Westernization by Peter the Great.

C. The reforms of Alexander II.

D. Early revolutionary movements.

II. The Revolution of 1905

A. The Russo-Japanese War.

B. Father Gapan and Bloody Sunday.

C. The General Strikes and the October Manifesto.

D. The rise of the Soviets.

III. 1906 - 1914

A. The Dumas.

B. Stolypin - reformer.

IV. The Bolshevik Party

A. The creation of the Social Democratic Labor Party.

B. The Bolshevik - Menshevik split.

V. World War I

A. Military depeat.

B. Economic disintegration.

C. The Tsar's unwillingness to change things.

VI. The takeover by the Bolsheviks

A . The March Revolution.

B. Duality of Rule.

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C. The November Revolution.

D. Reasons for Bolshevik success.

VII. Establishment of Bolshevik Power

A. Formation of Government.

B. Civil War

C. Reasons for Bolshevik victory.

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